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The Office Action of 05/01/2009 is hereby vacated. The response & amendment of 01/23/2009 was non-compliant, as was the supplemental amendment of 04/28/2009, thus the final office action issued in response to the amendments was improper. Therefore the non-final Office Action of 10/23/2008 is the current outstanding Office Action.

A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is being issued, with a ONE MONTH or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, extension of time to supply a proper response to the outstanding non-final Office Action of 10/23/2008. A proper response should include a full response to the outstanding non-final Office Action, as well as any amendments to the claims and specification in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ALLISON M. FORD whose telephone number is (571)272-2936. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-6 M-Th. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Wityshyn can be reached on 571-272-0926. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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